

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

Applicant responds herein to the Office Action dated November 4, 2004.

Responsive to the indication that claims 1, 2 and 14 are directed to patentable subject matter, these claims have now been rendered in independent form and formal allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

The remaining claims 1, 3-8, 10-13 and 15 have been rejected on prior art, on the grounds set forth in paragraph 2 of the Office Action. However, pursuant to the Examiner's statement in paragraph 6 of the Office Action, it is established that the cited prior art, namely the reference to Funaba, shows both the bus and terminal resistors on the motherboard, and not part of the memory modules. Nonetheless, the rejection of these claims has been maintained because the Office Action contends that the mentioned structural limitations as recited in independent claims 1 and 8 do not make that distinction over the cited prior art explicit.

Applicant has now amended claims 1 and 8 to make that structural limitation explicit in claims 1 and 8. Therefore these claims are clearly distinguishable over prior art, as acknowledged in the Office Action. This should result in a formal finding that claims 1 and 8 are directed to patentable subject matter. The remaining claims are all dependent from one or the other of these claims and should also be formally allowed.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application, allow the claims as amended, and pass this case to issue.

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